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Subject: RE: Microsoft- settle this case quickly and fairly.

The DOJ vs IBM case dragged out for 12 years with NO real conclusion other than draining taxpayers and corporate resources. The DOJ (9 states) vs Microsoft is another example of the same litigation in my opinion.

The consumers and the investors "suffer" rather than receive protection.

What this really does is slowdown product innovation and development in the technology industry. Competitors need to have better products at better prices, rather than use "public" funds to fight their battles for them.

This case needs settled quickly and fairly so that our economy can return to more positive growth instead on continued uncertainty.

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From: AG [SMTP:AG@oag.state.fl.us]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 12:05 PM
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Thank you for taking the time to e-mail the Florida Attorney General's Office regarding our involvement in the case of United States v. Microsoft Corp.

As you know, several states and the Department of Justice settled this case late last year. Because of concerns that the settlement did not assure increased opportunities for competition and innovation, Florida and eight other states are currently continuing the litigation. Trial on potential remedies is scheduled to begin in March of this year.

Without fair and open competition in the technology industry, America risks losing some of the innovation and imagination that made our nation the industrial and technological leader it is. For this reason, this office remains committed to ensuring that everything possible is done to achieve the utmost for consumers and for competition. Continuation of the Microsoft litigation at this time provides us with the opportunity to maintain that commitment to Florida's consumers.